



Environment

Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

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To Whom It May Concern:

**Re: Changes to the *Designated Materials Regulation* regarding Electronic and Electrical Products**

Changes to the *Designated Materials Regulation* to support diversion and recycling of electronic and electrical items will be implemented on February 1, 2018.

These regulations set surcharges on the sale of new electronic and electrical products at the point-of-purchase in order to better support collection and recycling of these products. Products and corresponding surcharges are included in the table attached to this letter for your convenience.

These surcharges are the norm across Canada. Yukoners already pay them when they purchase these products out-of-territory. By updating the regulation, we make sure these surcharges stay in Yukon to fund recycling programs here. After engagement with the Yukon public and retailers like you, we delayed implementation until February 1, 2018, to accommodate the busy holiday season. A public news release is scheduled for this Friday, November 3, 2017.

A package of materials to help you communicate this information to your clients and customers will be coming to you before February 1, 2018. This package will include signage for the cash register/shelf, an FAQ for you and your staff, and a decal for your front window to show the public that you are a business that supports recycling in Yukon. We will also provide a clarifications and examples of designated products. This document will be located at [www.env.gov.yk.ca/recycling](http://www.env.gov.yk.ca/recycling).

### ***Your Role***

You are being contacted as an organization that has responsibilities under the new *Designated Materials Regulation* or who may work with those who do - we appreciate you forwarding this information to them.

The amended regulations create the following **four new responsibilities**:

1. Producers of new electronic and electrical products are required to **register** in order to supply these products in Yukon. The definition of "producer" includes all members of the supply chain such as manufacturers, distributors and retailers. We have engaged the Electronic Products Recycling Association (EPRA) to administer the registration and collection of remittances on behalf of the Yukon government. This association already provides this service to most of Canada. Producers must register at: [recycleyukonelectronics.ca](http://recycleyukonelectronics.ca).

2. All producers who are supplying new electronic and electrical products will be required to **remit** the applicable surcharge to the program. Please see the attachment to this letter for a list of product categories and surcharges. Surcharges collected for the sale of new electronic and electrical products into Yukon will be collected and deposited into the Recycling Fund. The Recycling Fund is dedicated to paying for the collection, processing, transportation and recycling of these items.
3. All producers will be required to **report** on the number of new electronic and electrical products sold to accompany the remittance. The frequency for reporting and remittance will be set by Yukon government and implemented through the online system for registration and reporting.
4. All producers must **keep records** such as: the total number and type of new electronic and electrical products supplied, the total surcharges collected for the supplied products (for remitting), and the name and contact information for other producers to whom the producer has purchased products from or sold products to. Please be advised that an Environmental Protection Officer may request copies of these records at any time. Records must be maintained for six years.

Please refer to the *Designated Materials Regulation* for full details. You may access the amended regulations online at [http://www.gov.yk.ca/legislation/regs/oic2016\\_088.pdf](http://www.gov.yk.ca/legislation/regs/oic2016_088.pdf) and you can find related information at [www.env.gov.yk.ca/recycling](http://www.env.gov.yk.ca/recycling).

### ***Important Timeline***

Producers supplying new electronic and electrical products captured in the amended regulations must complete the registration process before February 1, 2018.

On this date, the regulation will come into full effect and surcharges on new electronic and electrical products will apply. Yukon government is committed to working with you to support a smooth transition to this new system.

If you have any questions about whether you are required to register or how to implement the amended regulations, please contact the Department of Environment at 867-667-5683 or [envprot@gov.yk.ca](mailto:envprot@gov.yk.ca).

Sincerely,



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Department of Environment

**Attachment: Electronic and electrical products and surcharges in the Schedule to the Designated Materials Regulation**

<b>Electronic Products</b>	<b>Surcharge</b>
Desktop computers	\$15
Portable computers/tablets	\$10
Computer accessories (keyboard, mouse, etc.)	\$1
Desktop printers, desktop fax machines, desktop copiers	\$12
Display screens 29 inches and greater	\$30
Display screens less than 29 inches	\$12
Home audio/video equipment (stereo, DVD player, etc.)	\$10
Personal audio/video equipment (MP3 player, Discman, etc.)	\$6
Phone (cellular and non-cellular)	\$2
Aftermarket vehicle audio/video equipment	\$6

<b>Electrical Products</b>	<b>Surcharge</b>
Kitchen countertop appliances – not including microwaves	\$2
Microwave ovens	\$8
Time and weight measurement devices (clocks, bathroom scales, etc.)	\$1
Garment and personal care devices (iron, hair dryer, etc.)	\$2
Air purifiers and fans	\$1
Large floor vacuums	\$5
Small handheld vacuums	\$3